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There was only one constant during the last year at the DoD Professional Military Comptroller School (PMCS); good people arrived and good people departed, both faculty and staff, and students. Leaving the faculty were LTC James G. Pappion, USA, Retired, CDR Rita Jones, USN, Retired, and Mr Brian Oberg, DFAS, who accepted a promotion at DFAS-Denver. Not ever pictured in this magazine, but known and loved by some 3,000 alumni, five PMCS Directors, and numerous faculty members, was Ms Patsy Swain. Patsy retired in July 1999 after 12 years as the Secretary at PMCS. We are sorry to see all of them go, but grateful for their time given.

Joining the faculty were LTC John S. Hodges, USA, and Lt Col (S) Terry L. Ross, USAF. Also, Ms Anna R. Trawick is the new secretary at PMCS. We are glad they are here. Soon to arrive is Ms Valerea J. Wood, DFAS, coming from DFAS-Denver.

Including the current class, 282 DoD financial managers joined the ranks of PMCS alumni during the last year. They join a long purple line of 7,450 alumni over the thirty-year history of PMCS for a total-to-date of 7,732 PMCS graduates.

PMCS provides professional development education for mid-career and senior financial managers within the DoD. The 60 students in each PMCS class come from all Services and Agencies of DoD. Student mix is about 40 percent military and 60 percent civilian. The target grades for attendance are Major through Colonel, and GS-12 through GM-15. Captain and GS-11 selections are made on an exception basis; time-in-grade, experience, and strong endorsements are the determining factors. In addition, attendance is authorized for personnel outside the comptroller career area who are endorsed by the MAJCOM/Agency comptroller.

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